

REMARKS

Claim 18 is amended by this paper. Claims 1-5 were previously canceled, and Claims 9 and 22-34 are withdrawn as stated in the Office Action dated January 22, 2007. Claims 6-8, 10-17 and 19-21 are unchanged. Claims 6-8 and 10-21 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office Action states that election to one of the following two species is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- (A) a system as in claim 6, wherein a particular disease is associated with a plurality of disease objects corresponding to different phases of the particular disease; and
- (B) a system as in claim 6, wherein a particular disease is associated with a plurality of disease objects corresponding to different populations for the particular disease, as in Claim 16.

It appears that (A) corresponds to Claim 15, and that (B) corresponds to Claim 16.

The Office Action also states that election to one of the following two species is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- (C) a system wherein the objects act independently of other objects and particular object retains a record of its actions for future reference, as in Claim 18; and
- (D) a system wherein the objects interact with each other, such as Claims 12-14 and 19-21.

Applicant elects (B) corresponding to Claim 16 without prejudice. Applicant further elects (D), Claims 12-14 and 19-21 without prejudice. Claim 18 has been amended and should be examined along with the claims of (D), Claims 12-14 and 19-21.

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Conclusion


Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the above-identified application are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds any impediment to allowing all claims that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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